

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1206 - SB 1192

March 11, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases from \$400 to \$1,000 the amount of property damage to vehicles involved in an accident that requires an individual to file a written report with the Department of Safety.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000 2nd and subsequent years
Decrease State Expenditures - Less than \$50,000

Under existing law, the Department of Safety can revoke the driver license of an individual involved in such accident if the Commissioner feels there is a reasonable possibility of a judgment against the individual and upon receiving notice of a claim filed against the individual if the person cannot show proof of financial responsibility.

Estimate assumes:

- approximately 1,100 reinstatements of drivers who had licenses revoked as a result of claims filed for less than \$1,000 but more than \$400 in damages.
- decrease in revenues from reinstatement fees of \$115 per license that would have been paid by individuals whose licenses would have been revoked in the absence of the bill. Such decrease is estimated in the second and subsequent years after effective date of the bill as the provisions apply to accidents occurring after the effective date and, according to the Department of Safety, most drivers do not reinstate until at least one year after the accident occurred.
- decrease in state expenditures from administrative and processing costs as a result of processing fewer driver license reinstatements.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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